(*d*) The Inspecting Medical Officer did not refuse to take any evidence offered, but took statements from some of the signatories in the memorial and a few other respectable gentlemen of the locality.

(*e*) No; they are confidential documents.

(*f*) The allegations were reported to be false and malicious and hence no action was necessary on them.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: Will the member be pleased to state whether she is aware that when specific instances of corruption were brought to the notice of Government in the Assembly, it was stated there that an enquiry would be started if the officer is found guilty?

PRESIDENT: That does not arise on this question.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: May I know whether any orders were passed on the petition against the officer?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: No. The allegations were reported to be false and malicious. So no orders were passed against the officer.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: May I know whether the evidence taken by the Chief Medical Officer will be placed on the table?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: I have already stated that it is a confidential document and cannot be placed on the table.

Appointment of Dr. Slater as Darbar Physician.

37. MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the terms of the covenant entered into between them and Dr. Slater;

(*b*) the extent of the period for which he continued to be the Darbar Physician and the total amount paid to him as salary, compensation allowance, etc;

(*c*) under what circumstances, Dr. Slater repudiated the covenant; and

(*d*) whether they intend recalling him?

MR. K. GEORGE: (*a*) Mr. B. L. Slater was appointed Darbar Physician on the following terms:—

1. He will be given a pay of Bh. Rs. 1,800 per mensem;

2. He and his wife will be granted first class passage by steamer from London to India and first class railway fares from the Port of arrival in India to Trivandrum.

3. For his journey on tour in the State, he will be treated as a first class officer and in respect of daily allowance when this is admissible, he will be granted S. Rs. 6 per diem.

4. In respect of casual leave, privilege leave and sick leave he will be governed by the rules of the Service Regulations in force in the State.

5. He will be subject to the provisions of the Income Tax and Municipal Regulations in force in the State like any other officer of the State.

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6. He will be given an unfurnished house, free of rent. If he deems it necessary, Government will supply the necessary furniture on payment of rent at the rates usually prescribed for the same, *viz.*, at 5 per cent. per annum on the capital outlay. For electric current, for lights and fans he will have to pay according to meter reading at the tariff rate prevailing from time to time.

7. The appointment will be terminable by six months' notice on either side.

8. His appointment will be for one year to start with from the date of his taking charge of his duties as Darbar Physician and Surgeon in charge of the General Hospital, Trivandrum. On the expiry of his period of appointment in the State, he and his wife will be granted first class railway fares from Trivandrum to the Port of embarkation and first class passage fares by steamer from there to London.

(*b*) He entered service on 9-4-1108 and left service on 19-8-1108. A sum of S. Rs. 8,692-27-1 (Rs. 7,756-2-0, on account of salary and Rs. 936-25-1, on account of passage money) was paid to him.

(*c*) He resigned his appointment as he was suffering with his eyes and could not remain in the Tropics.

(*d*) No.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the passage money for his return was paid?

MR. K. GEORGE: No.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: May I know whether Dr. Slater has given six months' notice before his retirement?

MR. K. GEORGE: There is no necessity. He was ill and so there was no necessity for notice.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: May I know whether he was referred to the Medical Board to examine the alleged disease?

MR. K. GEORGE: No. Government were satisfied about his disease.

Reconstruction of the Vamanapuram Bridge.

38. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: With reference to the reconstruction of the Vamanapuram Bridge, M. C. Road, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any amount was provided in any year's budget for the reconstruction of the bridge, and, if so, what was the amount and in what year;

(*b*) why the amount so provided was allowed to lapse;

(*c*) whether the necessity for reconstructing the bridge has been now (17-12-1108) felt by the Government; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, what action has been taken towards the reconstruction of the bridge?

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